



Settlement Services Working Group
Meeting Minutes
January 23rd, 2018
Salvation Army, harbor Light Ministries
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Approval of minutes
3. Settlement Pathways
4. Schools as community Hubs
5. Upcoming LIP events and Tools
6. Community Update

Attendance

Present:

Virginia Trotter
Abdul Abubaker
Alla Minasova
Natasa Boskovic
Amanda Cho
Tracy Cummins
Gwim Philipp
Michelle Gordon
Glen Walsh
Alejandro Segura
Anna Polyackova
Angelica Hernandez

New Circles
Canadian Centre for Victims of Torture
YMCA Newcomer Information Centre
Newcomer Women's Services
Woodgreen Community Services
George Brown College
Woodgreen Community Services
CARE
CultureLink
The Salvation Army
The Salvation Army
The Salvation Army Immigrant and Refugee
Services
Toronto Newcomer Council
University Settlement

Richard Villavicencio
Grace Yeung

Staff:

Giovanni Rico
Angelica de Jesus-Bretchneider

Canadian Centre For Victims of Torture
Social Planning Toronto

1. Welcome and Introductions:

Each member was welcomed by LIP staff and then provided with a copy of the Meeting Agenda. Members were then given an opportunity to introduce themselves

2. Approval of minutes:

Copies of the previous meeting's minutes were distributed to members. Minutes were approved, with corrections to the attendants.

3. Settlement Pathways

Members were thanked on providing resources. LIP Staff was looking into programs to create the tool to be more interactive but have come up with either very expensive or not ideal programs. LIP staff will continue to research and try to create a couple of options for the group to decide on at the next meeting. Members were encouraged to send information on any tool that may help.

4. Schools as community Hubs

Members were updated on the advancement of the sub-group. Unfortunately it has been more difficult than expected to get the school board involved. CulutreLink will continue in their attempts to reach out to the school board partners as any progress without them would be counter productive.

5. Upcoming LIP events and Tools

Members were updated on two upcoming events in February that may be of their interest and that have been coordinated in partnership with the other quadrant LIP's. The bridges Forum that takes place on February 22, a free all day event at Centennial College on Collaboration and Partnerships. The Toronto West LIP is also hosting an event on February 15, to promote their tools on how to prevent Gender based violence as a culmination to their campaign to find 150 ways to end Gender based Violence. This event will take place at the Etobicoke Civic Centre.

Database on non-status people providing services March 2nd event at Salvation Army, how to promote database, what to do with the database. To identify on agencies working with non-status as well as do H&C. After talking to the group about RCT computers for newcomers there was a thought on how to make internet more accessible to the low-income clients (specifically newcomers). This topic may be brought up in next year's plan as to help remove barriers for newcomers. Feb 17-18 international storytelling festival held by CultureLink Glen to send flyer to share with the group and weekly update.

6. Next Meeting